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Agricultural Fabricator

* 1269 Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

விவசாயிகளுக்காகவென்று கொடுக்கப்படும் ஸ்டீல் லைசென்சுகளை (Agricultural Fabricator) விவசாய இலாகா அதிகாரிகள் மூலம் விநியோகம் செய்ய உத்தேசமுண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

Illicit distillation

* 1270 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government to stop people from taking spurious preparations and other dangerous drugs in the place of alcohol and the illicit distillation in the various parts of our State:

(b) whether the Government have undertaken any serious survey in this regard; and

(c) if so, when, and the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) A statement[a] showing the steps taken by the Government to prevent people from taking spurious preparations and other dangerous drugs in the place of alcohol and the illicit distillation in the various parts of our State is placed on the table of the House.

(b) Apart from the enquiry undertaken by the Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee, appointed under the Chairmanship of Sri K. A. Nachiappa Gounder in 1947 to examine the question of the working of prohibition in the districts, the Government have not undertaken any serious survey in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Under the guise of Ayurvedic medicine spurious drugs, like 'Arishtam' is being sold in Ayurvedic dispensaries. Thousands of people are addicted to it. May I know, Sir, whether the Government will enquire into the matter and see that the drug 'Arishtam' is not sold in public without restriction?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have been examining every now and then the contents of the medicines and taking adequate action.

SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI : குடிப்பழக்கத்தைத் தவிர்க்க முடியாதவர்கள்தான் இம்மாதிரி கள்ளத்தனமானவைகளைத் தயாரிக்க முற்படுகிறார்கள். வெளிநாட்டுப் பானங்களை சிலருக்கு பெர்மிட் மூலம் விநியோகிப்பதுபோல் உள் நாட்டிலும் நல்ல முறை

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 456–458 infra.